

CAREER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

individual goals and objectives. The TWI training plan will typically expose the officer to daily issues at middle- and senior-management levels. In addition to hands-on work experience, individuals are encouraged to participate in any training programs available through the company. At the end of the training year, officers receive a formal evaluation from the company in the form of an Academic Evaluation Report (AER). The AER is placed in the officer's permanent military personnel file.

Officers selected for the TWI Program are military professionals with the initiative to immerse themselves in a corporate work environment with minimal guidelines and flexible learning conditions. The result is a career-broadening experience that has the potential to strengthen their technical competency, problem-solving skills, and leadership abilities.

For additional information on the TWI Program and application procedures, go to the AMB Web site at <http://www-perscom.army.mil/OPfam51/ambmain.htm>.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Edgewood Patents New Chemical Neutralization Technology

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, has patented a technology designed to neutralize chemicals that have been released into a specific area. The technology consists of neutralizing enzymes that can be added to water or any water-based application system (e.g., aircraft de-icing solutions, aqueous degreasers, or laundry detergent).

In an incident where chemicals may have been released, these enzymes can quickly neutralize the chemicals before they contaminate a wider area. The catalytic enzymes are nontoxic, noncorrosive, environmentally safe, and affordable, and can neutralize a wide range of chemicals. ECBC expects to enter licensing agreements with foam manufacturers and research and development (R&D) firms to make this technology available for commercial use.

ECBC is the Army's principal R&D center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering, and services, and is under the auspices of the U.S. Army's Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for national Defense, civilian needs, and industrial competitiveness, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. For a list of other press releases or more information on ECBC, go to <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil/RDA/ecbc> or contact the ECBC Public Affairs Office at (410) 436-4347.

Study Looks At Joint Logistics

Military logisticians and commanders often must sort through a barrage of reports from deployed units at diverse locations to determine the mix of resources they need to sustain complex military operations. The job is hard enough at the major command or individual Service level, but when joint forces are involved in large-scale operations, it becomes a rigorous mental exercise that poses challenges for even the best and brightest logisticians and tacticians.

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command (DTC), the developmental tester for the Army Test and Evaluation Command, is seeking to make the job easier by sponsoring a joint feasibility study for improving joint logistics planning processes. Called Joint Logistics Planning Enhancements (JLOG/PE), the study began in August 2001 and is scheduled to conclude in September 2002. It will result in a report to DOD's Deputy Director for Developmental Test and Evaluation. If given the green light by the deputy director, the JLOG/PE concept will be chartered as a 3- to 4-year joint test and evaluation program.

Elizabeth Murter, the Technical Director for the feasibility study, says that the study team will look at joint-level requirements to fight the battle or sustain troops in the field (what is needed, where it is needed, who has it, and how to get it). She describes JLOG/PE as not so much a set of information technologies, but business process enhancements that will improve the use of existing logistics systems and help joint-Service level logisticians and commanders get the best use of current, accurate information.

Murter adds that although new logistics information technology systems are being fielded, until now, there has been no comprehensive look at the logistics planning processes used by joint-force commanders. The team will look at reporting frequency, the accuracy and completeness of report information, and the actual fidelity of the information. This applies to all classes of supply, although JLOG/PE is initially focusing on munitions and fuel.

LTC Chris Jubok heads the feasibility study team, which includes DTC staff in addition to employees of Computer Sciences Corp. and SRS Technologies, two California-based companies that provide information technology services for government and private industry. Team participation from all military Services and Service commanders-in-chief will be sought if the program goes into testing.

Transformation Event Slated For APG

The Science and Technology Board at U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), MD, will host a major event June 5, 2002, titled "Army Transformation—Executing the Army's Vision at APG." The event will showcase APG's diverse research, development, and testing capabilities as well as organizations at APG and their respective roles in transforming the Army.

Scheduled speakers include GEN Paul J. Kern, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Rep. Curt Weldon, R-PA; and MG John Doesburg, Commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. Weldon was instrumental in establishing the Mid-Atlantic Research Consortium (MARC), bringing together the expertise of private industry, academia, and government to find joint solutions to technology challenges. He is expected to address key technology issues from a MARC perspective.

The event will also feature informative exhibits, static displays, dynamic demonstrations of transformation technologies, and will culminate in a live-fire demonstration. Attendees should dress casually because this event will encourage hands-on participation in an outdoor environment.

For further information, contact Stephen Clark at DSN 298-1267 or (410) 278-1267.

PERSONNEL

Martinez-Lopez Takes Over Army Medical Research And Materiel Command

MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, MC, former Commanding General, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, has assumed new duties as Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. He succeeds MG John S. Parker, MC, who has retired.

A veteran of nearly 24 years Active military service, Martinez-Lopez served earlier tours as Command Surgeon, U.S. Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA; Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Benning, GA; Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Campbell, KY; and Commander, 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell.

Martinez-Lopez received both his M.D. in general medicine and his B.S. in biological science from the University of Puerto Rico, and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. He also completed family practice internship and residency at the Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, NC, and aerospace medical residency at the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, TX. In addition, he completed the Army Medical Department Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

Listed among his military honors are the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters (OLCs), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 OLCs, the Army Commendation Medal with OLC, the Army Achievement Medal with OLC, and the Senior Flight Surgeon Badge.